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SUBJECT: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON KLAUS BARBIE  
1. AUGUST 11 FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "L'HUMANITE"  
REPORTED THAT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO PUBLISH ITS  
REPORT "CONFIRMING THE CLOSE POST-WAR RELATIONS BETWEEN  
BARBIE AND AMERICAN SECRET SERVICES." ARTICLE POINTS OUT  
THAT THE 200 PAGE REPORT (WITH 800 ANNEXED PAGES OF  
DOCUMENTS) ESTABLISHES THAT OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN  
970TH COUNTER-ESPIONAGE BATTALION BASED AT AUGSBOURG,  
ASSIGNED "WAR CRIMINAL" BARBIE TO FURNISH THEM INFORMA-  
TION ON FRENCH AND GERMAN COMMUNISTS. "IN EXCHANGE,  
BARBIE'S AMERICAN EMPLOYERS KEPT BARBIE AWAY FROM FRENCH  
AUTHORITIES AND, IN 1951, PROVIDED BARBIE WITH FUNDS AND  
PAPERS TO ESCAPE TO SOUTH AMERICA VIA AUSTRIA." "L'HUMA-

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NITE" CONCLUDES: "THIS REPORT ALSO CONFIRMS, AS WE HAVE MADE KNOWN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THAT BARBIE CONTINUED FOR MANY YEARS TO WORK FOR THE CIA."

2. AS REPORTED IN AUGUST 10 EMBASSY PARIS PRESS SUMMARY, DENT LOUIS FOY REPORTED IN GREATER DETAIL THE CONTENT OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT, INCLUDING THE US ARMY'S 1960 PROPOSAL TO THE CIA THAT IT USE BARBIE AGAINST CHE GUEVARA, A PROPOSAL REJECTED BY THE CIA.

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF LOCAL PRESS INQUIRIES ON BARBIE REPORT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT WHEN REPORT IS RELEASED. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING SEVERAL COPIES OF REPORT TO PASS TO FRENCH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS. MARESCA

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